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(*d*) & (*f*) The Government of India propose to establish a 20 K.W. medium wave broadcasting station at Madras and to work it themselves. An estimate for the scheme is being prepared by the Government of India and this Government do not yet know the cost of the station to be sanctioned. This Government have no information whether at some future date the Government of India will establish other medium wave stations in this Presidency or a short wave station at Madras with relaying stations at suitable places.

(*e*) A certain number of receiving sets and loud speakers may perhaps, if funds permit, be provided by this Government in a limited number of towns and large villages within effective receiving range of the Government of India's medium wave station. No details have yet been considered, pending the final decision of the Government of India regarding the Madras station.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" With reference to the answer given to clause (*b*) of this question, viz., ' the answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative and to the second part in the negative ', may I know the reason, Sir, why such a negative answer is given? "

The Hon. Mr. G. T. H. Bracken:—" Because the matter is under correspondence with the Government of India."

Local Self-Government

Fixation of the strength of the staff of municipalities as per the amended Act.

* 242 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued orders fixing scales of pay, designation and strength of each municipality as per the amended Act;

(*b*) if not, why not; and

(*c*) when orders will be issued on the subject?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Government have so far issued orders in regard to the revised scales of pay of secondary and elementary school teachers and in regard to the designations and grades of and the scales of salaries and allowances payable to officers and servants in medical institutions including leprosy clinics under the control of municipal councils. The strength of the staff in the latter case has been fixed except in the case of some municipal councils in regard to which orders will issue shortly. The question of fixing the scales of pay, etc., of the rest of the staff under municipal councils will be taken up in due course.